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Still gallant, as their sires before,
 Her sons to Fame's high temple soar,
 Where he *, who erst, with promptest zeal,
 His banner rear'd for Erin's weal,
 And drew on Gallic shores his steel,
 Shall fill an honour'd place.

But long the battle-fiend hath fled,
 And Peace in triumph rear'd her head,
 Her gladd'ning beams around to shed,
 And wake her halcyon reign;
 And warriors, erst by glory fed,
 By gentler passions now are led,
 And haste to throng the magic ground,
 Where Music's charms and song abound,
 And Beauty spreads her smiles around,
 To cheer the social train.

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W A L E S.

METROPOLITAN CAMBRIAN INSTITUTION.—At the last General Meeting of this Society the Thanks of the Institution were unanimously voted to the Lord Bishop of St. David's, as a humble acknowledgement of his zeal in the cause of Welsh Literature, and of the eminent benefits he has conferred on the Principality in this respect by his patriotic example. The Rev. John Jenkins of Kerry, the Rev. W. J. Rees of Cascob, and the Rev. Walter Davies of Manafon have also been elected Honorary Members of this Institution, in token of their active exertions towards promoting the establishment of the various societies now formed for the cultivation of our national literature, as well as of their general zeal in the cause. * *

CYMMRODORION IN POWYS.—The *Eisteddfod*, or Bardic Session, of this Society took place, according to previous advertisement, at Wrexham, on the 13th and 14th of last month: and it is gratifying to be able to add, that no exertion was spared,

* This alludes to Sir W. W. Wynn, who commanded the Regiment of Ancient Britons during the Irish Rebellion, and also volunteered his services, in 1814, at the head of a battalion to France.—ED.

that might contribute to the interest and harmony of the meeting. If, indeed, the native *Awen* of Cymru may not have been evinced on this occasion in all the splendour of that more favoured age, when bards had princes for their patrons, and those patrons were themselves poets,—enough, however, transpired to prove, that the same relish for “the feast of reason and the flow of soul,” that distinguished the Cymry of ancient times, is still fostered by their descendants. And it is not too much to hope, from the auspices, under which the Societies in Wales are now established, that they will soon be able to boast of a rivalry to the fame, as well as to the spirit, of past ages.

The *Eisteddfod*, which was held in the Town Hall, was, on the first day, numerous and respectably attended. Besides Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart. the President, there were also present Sir E. P. Lloyd, Bart., Sir Foster Cunliffe, Bart., Sir John Evans, Knt., C. W. W. Wynn, Esq., M. P., Colonel Parry, Rev. Reginald Heber, and Colonel Davies, together with several other gentlemen, as well as many ladies, of distinction from various parts of the Principality. Letters were also read from the Bishops of St. David's and St. Asaph, regretting their unavoidable absence, and expressing their zealous wishes for the prosperity of the *Eisteddfod*. The purposes of the Meeting having been concisely and explicitly communicated by the President, such gentlemen, as were desirous of delivering their sentiments on the occasion, were invited to do so, when the Rev. Walter Davies, Rector of Manafon, in an eloquent and impressive speech, dwelt upon the nature and objects of an *Eisteddfod*, which, in the words of Davydd ab Edmund, a bard of the fifteenth century, he explained to be “remembrance of what is past, consideration of what now is, and judgment of what should be in future.” When Mr. Davies had concluded, several poetical compositions in Welsh, and an English Ode by Mr. Thomas Jones, of London, written on the occasion, were recited; and the intervals between these recitations were filled by the strains of the harp.

The successful Candidates for the Prizes were then announced as follows:—

1. An ENGLYN on “*Pa beth yw Awen*,” or, What is poetical Genius?—Mr. GRIFFITH JAMES, Harper, Oxford.

2. A CYWYDD on “*Hiraeth Cymro am ei wlad mewn bro estronawl*,” or, A Welshman's longing for his native land in a foreign country—Mr. EVAN EVANS, Trefriw, Caernarvonshire.

3. An AWDL on “*Marwolaeth ein diweddar Frenkin, Sior III*,”

or, The Death of his late Majesty, George III.—Mr. ROBERT DAVIES, of Nantglyn, near Denbigh.

4. AN ENGLISH ESSAY on “*The Notices of Britain in ancient authors, containing extracts from the Originals, with English translations, and a Commentary thereon.*”—Rev. W. J. REES, A. M. Rector of Cascob, Radnorshire.

5. AN ENGLISH ESSAY on “*The History and Character of the real Arthur, King of Britain, and the fabulous Character of that name, whether of Romance or Mythology.*”—Rev. JOHN HUGHES, Brecon, Author of “*Horæ Britannicæ.*”

The following is the number of compositions, which were transmitted as competitors for the foregoing prizes:—

The <i>Englyn</i>	51
The <i>Cywydd</i>	11
The <i>Awdl</i>	14
The First <i>English Essay</i>	1
The Second <i>Do.</i>	4
Total.....	81

After the recitation of the English Essay by the Rev. W. J. Rees several gentlemen were elected Honorary Members of the Cymmrodorion in Powys, and amongst the number was the Rev. Reginald Heber, the well-known author of “*Palestine*,” who addressed the meeting in a very forcible and appropriate speech, in which he took a perspicuous view of the character and design of the Institution. This brought to a conclusion all the material proceedings of the first day.

On Thursday, the 14th, the number of visitors at this interesting ceremony had considerably increased, and soon after ten the assemblage was so great, that it became difficult to obtain admission into the Hall. The business was begun by the recitation of the English Essay by the Rev. John Hughes, which was done by the Rev. John Jones, of Jesus College Oxford. Several bards afterwards recited *Englynion*, which they had composed since the preceding day, on the birth of an Heir to the house of Wynnstay. A prize of Two Guineas had been proposed for the successful candidate; and this was awarded to John Roberts, of Hersedd, in the county of Flint. To this succeeded the contest on the Harp for a Silver Miniature Harp, of the value of five guineas. Ten individuals appeared as competitors on this occasion; and the skill, which some of them evinced, called forth

the most marked applause. At length, after an animated competition between Mr. Richard Roberts, of Caernarvon, and Mr. Benjamin Connah, of Rhiwabon,—who had been selected out of the whole number for this purpose by Mr. Edward Jones, his Majesty's Harper, the Judge on the occasion,—the palm was declared to belong to the former, and the decision was received by the whole assembly with the most rapturous plaudits.—After this a contest for a Silver Medal took place between several *Datgeiniaid*, or singers of *Pennillion* with the harp according to the ancient practice in Wales. Considerable ingenuity was evinced upon this occasion, and much interest evidently excited. The prize was ultimately awarded by Mr. Parry, Editor of the “Welsh Melodies,” who had been appointed umpire of the occasion, to Mr. Lewis Roberts, of Maentwrog, Merionethshire, who has been signalized for many years by his skill in this national custom. The proceedings of the day, and consequently of the *Eisteddfod*, were closed by an animated address from C. W. W. Wynn, Esq, in favour of the patriotic objects of this laudable association. And it was afterwards intimated, that the next *Eisteddfod* would most probably take place, next year, at Caernarvon.

On Friday morning the Committee met for the purpose of awarding gratuities to the bards and minstrels, who had not obtained prizes, and for granting such other rewards, as might be deemed necessary, when a Piece of Plate, of the value of Fifteen Guineas, was voted to Mr. Parry, Editor of the “Welsh Melodies,” for his great zeal and unwearied exertions in the cause of the *Eisteddfod*. And it is no more than common justice to add, that the very judicious arrangements, so actively made by Mr. Parry on this occasion, gave him an ample claim to this remuneration, as well as to the general thanks of his countrymen.

It would be improper to conclude this imperfect account without noticing the concerts that took place, every evening, at the Wynnstay Arms, under the direction of the gentleman who has just been named, and which, from the national airs and music, in which they abounded, formed an appropriate appendage to the festivities of the day. The sum, collected at the two concerts, amounted nearly to £180, a sufficient proof of the general patronage they experienced. The entertainments consisted, for the most part, of Welsh Melodies, with English words, adapted to the occasion; there were also a few *Pennillion* with English translations. And it deserves to be recorded, to the praise of the ladies of Cymru, who attended this musical festival, that they appeared

to take the most patriotic interest in the national traits, by which it was distinguished.

It has already been mentioned, that the next *Eisteddfod* will most probably take place at Caernarvon. It may be hoped, however, that, in the active endeavours now made to promote the cultivation of Welsh literature, the advantages of a Metropolitan meeting of this description will not be forgotten. An *Eisteddfod* in London, under the sanction of the Cymmrodorion or Metropolitan Cambrian Institution, could not fail to ensure the most extensive services to the general cause.

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WYNNSTAY AGRICULTURAL MEETING.—On Friday, the 15th of last month, that patriotic baronet, Sir W. W. Wynn, distributed, at Wynnstay, his annual prizes for the encouragement of agriculture in North Wales, and in the hundreds of Oswestry and Pimhill, in the county of Salop. The meeting, as on former instances, was most respectably attended, and exhibited fresh proofs of the benefits resulting from the worthy baronet's truly liberal conduct. The prizes, on the present occasion, were awarded in the following manner:—To Mr. A. D. Jones, of Court, Montgomeryshire, a silver cup for the best three years old heifer, in milk,—also a similar prize for the best one year old sow,—and also to the same gentleman a piece of plate, for the best pen of three one-year old short-wool ewes. All the prizes for live stock were thus won by Mr. Jones. The premium of ten guineas for the best implement in husbandry was gained by Mr. John Copner Williams, of Chirk, who produced a new contrivance, whereby two horses are so geared to a common cart, that, although of different sizes, they are made to bear an equal share both of the draught and of the weight on the shafts. This implement was also strongly recommended as an ingenious method of applying the power of two horses in the conveyance of heavily laden carts up and down steep hills. The piece of plate for the best ploughing was adjudged to Mr. Lewis, of Brook House. The judges at this meeting were Lord Clive and T. N. Parker, Esq. of Sweeney. The company, assembled on this interesting occasion, owing, perhaps, to the attractions of the *Eisteddfod*, was unusually numerous. Nearly seven hundred persons sat down at the several tables, to partake of the customary hospitality of their generous host.

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ASSIZE INTELLIGENCE.—The following is a report of the prisoners, tried, during the late Great Sessions, in the several